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GAYSPEAK

NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

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FROM THE EDITOR

Gosh — here it is July already! It's hard to believe that half the year is already over. It seems like it only started yesterday!

This is our 2nd edition of the new Gayspeak. Last month's edition was well received by the Gay community and we appreciate all of your feedback, but we'd always like to have more. If you have a comment on the newsletter, whether it's positive or negative, we'd like to hear it. This newsletter is the one way we have in the community to be informed and to be able to communicate with each other. So if you have some comments or ideas on how we could make it better, please drop us a line and let us know. We want to hear from you!

This month I wanted to take a few moments to let you know of a new support group in the area. In the last issue we told you of 2 support groups here in the Pikes Peak area — S.O.S. and 40+ And Friends. Well, just as the months are quickly passing us by, things continue to change. Within 40+ And Friends, there were many different people and some had different ideas about what a support group should be.

Some felt a support group should be strictly support, and others felt it should be a combination of both support and social. After all, being able to socialize with friends is in itself, a form of support. So 40+ And Friends has now divided into 2 groups and will be known under 2 different names.
For those women desiring support only, there is 40+ Women. It is a single women's support group and will meet on Wednesdays.

For those people, males and females alike, single or part of a couple, who wish a well-balanced mixture of both support and friendly social activities, there is now **Unite**. This group will also meet on alternating Wednesdays. I think the community here is large enough to support a few different groups, and if you're looking for a way to make new friends outside of the bars, one of these groups is certainly a wonderful way to do just that.

Here's wishing all the support groups the very best of luck. For more information on any group, consult each group's individual section of this newsletter.

Have a wonderful month!

Your Editor, Chris

From the President

July, August, and September in the Springs area is a time for a great deal of change in some of El Paso counties non - profit gay organizations.

First of all the Imperial Court of Southern Colorado will hold their elections for new Monarchs and Board of Advisors positions. (August 20th noon - 5pm /Dale Motel room 121) The Court is a non - profit fundraising group that contributes annually to many gay and straight help groups. As well as individuals in need. They do this by sponsoring events and shows within the community. The procedes of which are to go to a variety of causes.

The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center will hold elections for four board positions. President, Vice President Secretary, and Treasurer. These are going to be elected as alternating two year terms, Secretary and Treasurer being elected on odd numbered years and President and Vice President on the even numbered years. Meaning the President and Vice President elected in 1989 will serve only a one year term, in order to create an overlap on the board. As of this election, Newsletter, Speakers Bureau, and Helpline will be appointed position in hopes of assuring a higher degree of professionalism in these service oriented areas. **If anyone is interested in running for a board position, and has been actively involved in the community for at least one year.** Please contact any board member for more information.

As always please be aware of persons running for any office and what they have to offer the community at large, plus the gay community in particular.

Thank You,

Ed Sells
President

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HELP ! HELP ! HELP ! HELP ! HELP !

We are still in need of your help. The Community Center operates from membership sales, renewals, and donations.

Many of you have renewed your memberships and I thank you . However there are over **50%** of our members that have not renewed.

To continue to try and rebuild a community center that the lesbian and gay community can depend on. **Your donations and renewals are needed.** Taking peoples financial obligations to mind, the board has lowered the yearly membership rate to **$6.00** a year. That is less then two cents a day to support your community.

$1.00 from each membership and renewal, as of June 1st is given to the helpline to help meet their ever rising costs.

Due to publishing costs, Gayspeak will only be mailed to current members after this issue. Gayspeak is a great way to find out what is going on in your community. By renewing your membership Gayspeak can afford to continue to be sent to you monthly.

If you are not sure your membership is current. Contact me (**David Eidson**) and I will be happy to look it up for you.

Please help us rebuild our Pikes Peak Gay Community Center, renew your membership **today.**

David Eidson
Vice President

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Imperial Court of Southern Colorado

The Imperial Court 13th reign, wishes to thank you for your support this year. And to remind you that everyone in southern Colorado is welcome to vote, in our elections on August 20th at the Dale Motel from noon to 5pm. Room 121. Below are a few dates to remember. July 23rd, Campain kickoff at the Hide and Seek. August 19th, Final Candidates Show. August 20th **VOTING** and In-Town show at the Hide and Seek at 9pm. August 23rd, Stepping Down Show at the Exit. August 25th, Out of Town Show at the Hide and Seek. August 26th, **5:30 pm, CORONATION '89'**, City Auditorium. Tickets on sale!!! $13.00 before August 20th. $15.00 after and at the door.

PIKES PEAK METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church marks the 10th Anniversary of its founding (actually July 22, 1979) with a special observance on August 13th, beginning with a Special Anniversary Service at 5:00 P.M., and a Reception to follow. Guest Speaker for the occasion will be the Reverend Stephen Pieters, Field Director of the UFMCC AIDS Ministry.

The PPMCC congregation, comprised of 40 active members, worships in the All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon Street. The present pastor, the Reverend Marion C. Harrison, has served the church for two years.

Members of the church, friends, and visitors are invited to share in the celebration on August 13th!

GAY INFORMATION SERVICE ADOPTS NEW TOLL-FREE NUMBER, ADDS NEW LINE

The National Gay and Lesbian Crisisline, America's only toll-free gay information and counseling service,has adopted a new, easier-to-remember, nationwide calling number. The number is **1-800-SOS-GAYS or 1-800-767-4297**

Simultaneously, the Crisisline increased its incoming call capacity by 25% with the addition of a telephone line, made possible through the gifts of private donors.

The Crisisline, which has been in operation for more than 6 years, is a program of the New York-based Fund for Human Dignity, a national, non-profit organization that provides and promotes better information about gay and lesbian lives.

Volunteers who staff the Crisisline phones receive intensive training in crisis intervention and general counseling. A computer database of more than 6000 entries, developed especially for the Crisisline, provides local referrals to the caller for social support, information about AIDS, healthcare, legal, psychological and other services. The number again is **1-800-SOS-GAYS (1-800-767-4297).** Crisisline hours are 5-10 PM, Monday thru Friday (Eastern time) and 1-5 PM on Saturday (Eastern time).

This number is not in any way competing with our own Helpline, but should be looked upon as an alternate number or one to be used in addition to the local service.

The main thing to remember is both numbers are staffed with well-trained, sensitive individuals, whose primary objective is to get you the information and/or support you're looking for. **Don't be afraid to use them!**

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SUPPORT SUPPORT SUPPORT

Here is your guide to the various support/social groups in the Pikes Peak region. If there's a group in existance that we don't know about, please contact us at Gayspeak, so it too can be represented here.

UNITE (formerly 40+ And Friends)

The past few meetings consisted of having a guest speaker from the Metroplitan Community Church, Colo Spgs., give an informative presentation on what the Bible really says about homosexuality, and a general discussion night where people simply talked about things on their minds.

Upcoming activities for the group include the Cheyenne Canyon Clean-Up, set for July 15th. The group will be meeting at the main gate at 10 AM. Part of the day will be spent in unity, picking up litter from the area and the group will then finish the day with a potluck dinner.

The weekend of August 4th, 5th & 6th is tentatively being set aside for the group to go camping. Details for the trip will be worked out at the July 12th meeting. And on August 20th, the group will be sponsoring a Get To Know Us picnic (date, time and place to be announced). This is your opportunity to come out for a day of togetherness and friendship, and to find out what this exciting group is all about. You'll make some wonderful new friends and have a good time too!

This group is open to anyone affiliated with the Gay community, single or part of a couple, male or female. It meets every other Wednesday night at 7 PM. This month's meetings are on the 12th and 26th. Contact the Helpline for more information and a contact person.

S.O.S.

In June a camping trip was held. There was a good turnout for this event, so more camp-outs will be planned throughout the summer. The group will also be having its monthly brunch (date to be announced).

This women's only group meets every Thursday at 7:30 PM. Contact the Helpline for more information and a contact person.

40+ WOMEN

This support group for women will not officially get underway until after Labor Day. The first meeting will be held Wednesday, September 6th from 7 - 8:30 PM. However the women in charge of the group want to stress that even though they're "on vacation" for the summer, they are available for those desiring someone to talk to.

Contact the Helpline for more information and a contact person.

P.P.G.C.C. HELPLINE

The Helpline had some response from last month's column, but still needs volunteers. If more people do not volunteer 6-8 hours of their time each month, the operating hours of the Helpline may have to be cut back. That would be a shame because besides the newsletter, the Helpline is the only other link in the gay community. And since the newsletter only comes out once a month, the Helpline is actually a faster way of obtaining information about what's going on.

It's also your connection to gay-owned or gay-sensitive businesses, counselors, medical/dental/legal referrals, information on support groups, churches, and the bars, etc.

It's operating hours are presently from 6-9 Monday through Friday evenings and from 3 - 5 PM on Saturday. The remainder of the time, the line is answered by an answering machine.

The Helpline needs **your** help. If you are able to give just a few hours each month, why not call the Helpline now at **471-4GAY (471-4429)** and leave a message that you'd like to be a Helpline volunteer. The Helpline coordinator will get back to you just as soon as possible. Thanks for your support!

Pikes Peak Gay Community Center
Membership Application

All membership information is kept strictly confidential.

$6.00 Membership Fee Per Person

I would like to make a one time donation of $ _____

Name _____

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City/State/Zip _____

Phone (optional) _____

___ **Yes, I would like to have GaySpeak delivered to the address listed above.**

Signature _____